

II. REMARKS

In the Communication issued December 1, 2004, the Office remarked that Applicants' response filed on November 22, 2004 was non-compliant because it failed to meet the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.12, as amended on June 30, 2003. In particular, the Office object to claim 4 was canceled and therefore need not be shown with the text of the claim stricken-through. A complete listing of the correctly amended claims is submitted in reply to the Communication.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

III. CONCLUSION

If a telephone interview would advance prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number provided below. Additionally, if the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 2518, referencing No. 7008412001. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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